President: The answer is there.

Pathway in front of the Taluk office at Todupuzha.

168. ***Mr J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any better means of approach to the taluk office at Todupuzha than the pathway which originally existed in front of the office?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: No.

Reduction of staff in the P.W.D.

169. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in view of the works of the P. W. D. being given on contract, several of the existing posts in that department may be reduced?

Mr. G. B E. Truscott: No.

P. W. D. works.

170. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is more profitable to get all the works of the P. W. D. done by contractors than by the department?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: No.

The Franchise Commissioner's staff and work.

171. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long it is since the Franchise Commissioner was appointed;

(*b*) whether the staff, etc., of the Franchise Commissioner have been appointed; and

(*c*) the nature of the work of the Franchise Commissioner at present?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) He was appointed on the 20th August 1935 and he took charge of his duties on the 17th September 1935.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Collection of necessary materials and preparation of the report to Government.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: Has the Commissioner submitted his Report?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No, Sir.

Vernacular Primary School, Kolapra.

172. *** Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the present strength of the V. P. School, Kolapra;

(*b*) the number of classes held in that school;

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